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non-official members, who are really interested in the development of their district will not, no doubt, mind the small expenditure which they have to incur for attending the meetings of the Board or its Executive Committee."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" District Planning Board-ன் கூட்டம் அனேகமாக சட்ட சபை கூடும் காலங்களிலேயே கூட்டப்படுகிறது. சட்ட சபை கூடாத காலத்தில் District Planning Board-களின் மீட்டிங்குகளை கூட்டி சட்ட சபை அங்கத்தினர்களும் அதில் கலந்து கொள்ள ஒரு வாய்ப்பு கிடைக்கும்படி செய்வதற்கு வேண்டிய உத்திரவுகளை சர்க்கார் ஜில்லா கலெக்டர்களுக்கு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I shall consider the suggestion."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" போக்குவரத்துச்செலவை கொடுக்க வேண்டாம் என்பது வாஸ்தவம்தான். இருந்தபோதிலும் கிராமங்களுக்கு வேண்டிய விஸ்தரிப்பைப்பற்றி உத்தியோகப் பற்றில்லாத மெம்பர்கள் கொடுக்கின்ற தீர்மானங்களை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்காவது அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot give an assurance to the hon. Member that all the recommendations of the District Planning Board can be accepted by the Government."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" What is the difference between the District Planning Board and the Executive Committee ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Executive Committee is smaller in number than the general body."

Stamp duty surcharge due to the Chettipalayam Panchayat Board, Coimbatore district.

* 126 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chettipalayam Panchayat Board in Coimbatore taluk is corresponding with the Treasury Officer, District Collector, Accountant-General and other officers of the Govenment to arrange for the payment of Rs. 834–9–0 due to the panchayat board by way of stamp duty surcharge for the period from 30th June 1947 to 30th September 1947 ; and

(*b*) if so, the result thereof ?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is being investigated by the Accountant-General, Madras, who is in correspondence with the Treasury Officer, Coimbatore."

SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration why there was so much delay in paying the amount and why the matter was pending for the last six years."

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" There is some doubt as to whether the panchayat board has already drawn the surcharge

on stamp duty or not. Therefore, it is being investigated. The complaint made by the panchayat board was only in October 1953."

Reinstatement of workers in the Photo Litho Press, Madras.

* 127 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 10-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the management of the Photo Litho Press, Madras, was ordered by the Industrial Tribunal to reinstate 26 workers retrenched by the management ; and

(*b*) if so, whether this award has been enforced either by the Government or by the management?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The management has not implemented the award."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, what action the Government are going to take regarding the non-implementation of the award? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the management has been given a show cause notice why they should not be prosecuted and the workers have been advised to file claims so that any amounts due to them could be recovered as arrears of land revenue."

Issue of grazing permits to ryots.

* 128 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the number of units for grazing permits to each and every forest is fixed; and

(*b*) whether on account of this reason ryots are often refused grazing permits for many of their cattle?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) In the case of reserved forests the limit of permissible grazing incidence is determined and specified wherever there is a risk of over-grazing owing to an excessive cattle population in the neighbourhood. Generally the incidence is 3 acres per cow unit.

In the case of panchayat forests, grazing incidence was fixed for each forest in Saifee files of the respective panchayats. After taking over these forests by Forest department instructions were issued that until proper working plans and working schemes were prepared for them, the previous practice should be continued. The grazing incidence prescribed under panchayat management was generally one cow unit for every 2 to 3 acres.

" (*b*) In respect of forests where a grazing incidence has been fixed, permits are issued only up to the capacity of the forests on the principle of ' first-come first served.' Other cattle in the locality have to depend on private lands and patta fields."